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This is not as thorough as Dr. Carmichael and I would like, but it is the best we can do.

After this trip of the *Australia* I do not think we will have very many passengers, as most of the tourists will have left.

I have found it necessary to divide the business between Mr. Boyd, Dr. Carmichael, and myself, as the past few days have demonstrated the impossibility of properly attending to these important subjects in a room packed with people all wanting their business attended to first.

Mr. Boyd will take charge of all matters relating to the shipment and discharge of seamen and the certification of invoices.

Dr. Carmichael attends to the disinfection of vessels and examination of intending passengers, while I attend to bills of health, talk with passengers, and assume a general supervision of the whole business of the consulate.

I have been compelled to put some notices in the papers and have some signs printed, the cost of which I will include in my next contingent account.

Respectfully,

WM. HAYWOOD,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

IRELAND.

Report from Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *January 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report on the transactions at this port for the week ending to-day, as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Passengers.			Cargo.
			First cabin.	Second cabin.	Steerage.	
Jan. 7	Steamship <i>Etruria</i>	New York.....	8	3	20	None.
Jan. 11	Steamship <i>Oceanic</i>	do.....	1	10	64	Do.
Do.	Steamship <i>Penland</i>	Philadelphia.....	0	2	12	Do.
Jan. 10	Ship <i>Black Adder</i> (a).....	Brunswick, Ga.....				Ballast.

a One captain, 2 officers, 13 crew.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, *January 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of transactions at this port for the week ended January 14, 1900:

On the 11th, steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, to New York via Naples, 61 cabin and 38 steerage passengers, and 145 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. January 13, steamship *Trojan Prince* to New York via Palermo and Naples, 2 cabin and 34 steerage passengers, and 30 pieces of baggage were passed. The steerage passenger held over last week from the steamship *Tartar Prince* developed a severe attack of rheumatic fever in the hospital here.

The emigrants seeking transportation here to the United States come principally from northern Italy, and are as a rule, clean and intelligent; the Poles, Slavonians and Greeks straying this way through Trieste and Venice can not be so rated.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Precautions against the spread of plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *December 14, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that bubonic plague still exists in the port of Kobe and at Osaka, and more stringent measures and precautions have seemed necessary in order to safeguard ports in the United States.

With this in view, I have had conversations with Dr. Stuart Eldridge, acting assistant surgeon, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, and attached to this consulate-general, and have approved a circular requiring detention of steerage passengers, a copy of which I inclose herewith.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. GOWEY,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *December 14, 1899.*

The spreading of the infection of plague at Kobe and Osaka, beyond the localities at first attacked, renders necessary the strict enforcement of the regulations quoted in circular from this office of date November 22, 1899.

All steerage passengers from Hiogo Ken or Osaka Fu, or who, on the way to Yokohama have passed through these districts, either by rail or steamer, must undergo a detention in Yokohama of fifteen days before sailing for the United States or Hawaiian ports, and their baggage, clothing, and persons must be disinfected under the direction of this office.

To secure the enforcement of the foregoing, the passport of every such intending passenger by steerage, upon his or her arrival in Yokohama, must be presented at this office to be stamped with date of such arrival, or, if not yet in possession of passport, a card will be issued certifying to the time of reaching this port. The place of temporary residence in Yokohama, of such passenger, must also be recorded at this office.

No plague existing in the neighborhood of Yokohama at the present time, strict isolation of passengers subject to the above-mentioned measures is not deemed necessary, but detention and disinfection will be invariably enforced until further notice.

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STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Concurred in:

K. ROKKAKU, M. D., *Sanitary Inspector for Hawaii.*

Approved:

JOHN F. GOWEY, *Consul-General of the United States.*

Approved:

R. W. IRWIN, *Consul-General for Hawaii.*

Report from Yokohama—Method for exterminating rats.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 2, 1900.*

SIR: In continuance of my record of plague, forwarded December 29, and covering the period, December 21 to December 26, I have the honor to notify you that 2 more cases are reported as having occurred in Osaka December 27.